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MARK MERLIN--I--
DOCTOR-7--NOT
ONLY GAVE LIFE TO
AN EMPTY SUIT OF
ARMOR--BUT I'VE
MULTIPLIED IT INTO
A CIRCLE OF DEATH!
YOU'LL NEVER
STOP THEM!

MARK MERLIN HAS LONG BEEN HAILED AS
THE WORLD'S GREATEST AUTHORITY ON
WITCHCRAFT AND OCCULTISM! BUT WHEN
HE IS CHALLENGED TO A FANTASTIC DUEL
TO PROCLAIM THE CHAMPION OF THE
BLACK ARTS, HIS FOE IS NONE OTHER
THAN...

DOCTOR-7, KING OF THE SUPERNATURAL



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IN HIS BROODING MANSION PERCHED HIGH ON MYSTERY HILL, MARK MERLIN, MASTER OF THE SUPERNATURAL, EXPLAINS HIS ACTION TO HIS SECRETARY, ELSA...

I'VE DECIDED NEVER TO USE THE **CAT CHARM** OF THE PHARAOHS AGAIN! IT SAVED MY LIFE ONCE-- GIVING ME THE POWER TO TRANSFER MY LIFE FORCE INTO--



--THE BODY OF MY PAL MEMAKATA, HERE, WHEN I WAS TRAPPED BY A TRIO OF ASSASSINS! BUT IF SOME CRIMINAL STOLE THAT POWER-- NO--THE CAT CHARM MUST REMAIN LOCKED AWAY FOREVER!



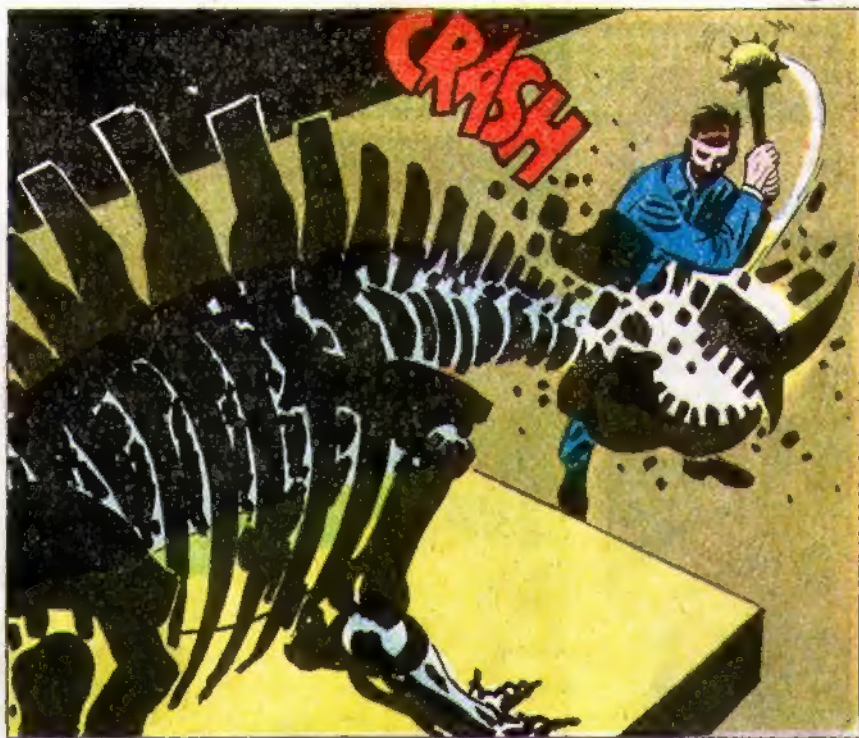
EXCUSE ME! I FIXED THAT BROKEN LIGHT SWITCH IN YOUR BEDROOM, MR. MERLIN! IT'LL WORK FINE NOW!

THANK YOU... ELSA, LET'S QUIT FOR THE DAY! WE'LL GET A FRESH START ON THAT MAGAZINE ARTICLE IN THE MORNING!



LATER THAT NIGHT, IN THE CITY, A SHADOWY FIGURE STEALTHILY ASCENDS A BUILDING...





THE FOLLOWING MORNING,
AFTER ELSA HAS
RETURNED TO WORK...



HOW'D YOU GET
THAT CUT ON
YOUR CHEEK--
SHAVING?

PROBABLY!
HERE'S SOMETHING
STRANGE! A THIEF
BROKE INTO THE MUSEUM
AND STOLE ONLY ONE
THING--THE JAWBONE
OF A PREHISTORIC
BEAST!

I SEEM TO
REMEMBER
READING
ABOUT THAT
BEING USED
IN SOME
KIND OF
MAGIC
FORMULA!
RE-MIND ME
TO CHECK
IT OUT IN
OUR MASTER
FILE WHEN
WE GET
SOME TIME!



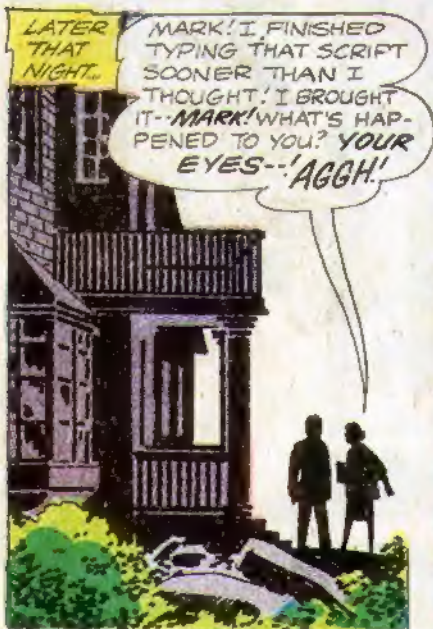
THAT NIGHT, AS
MARK IS FAST
ASLEEP...



MARK MERLIN--
RISE FROM YOUR
BED! I, DOCTOR-
T, ORDER YOU!



COMMANDED BY THE STRANGE VOICE, MARK DESCENDS THE HILL, MOVES THROUGH THE EMPTY, SILENT STREETS AND DOWN INTO A TUNNEL BENEATH THE CITY...



THE TERRIFIED CRY JOLTS MARK BACK TO CONSCIOUSNESS...



TUNING IN SOOTHING MUSIC ON THE RADIO, THEY START TO DISCUSS HIS STRANGE APPEARANCE WHEN...

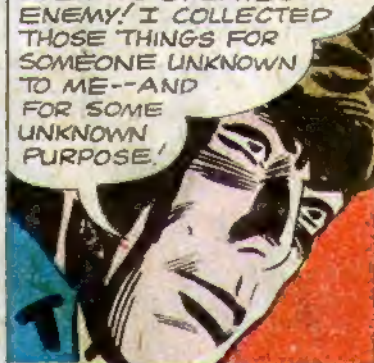
SPECIAL BULLETIN! THE ODD-BALL THIEF WHO RAIDED THE MUSEUM STRUCK AGAIN! THIS TIME, HE WRECKED A TAXIDERMIST'S SHOP AND APPARENTLY STOLE ONLY A SINGLE OSTRICH FEATHER!



GREAT SCOTT! TH-THAT'S A PIECE OF AN OSTRICH FEATHER! IT MEANS I STOLE THAT--AND THE BEAST'S BONE, TOO! AND NOW I REMEMBER WHAT THEY'RE USED FOR!



AN ANCIENT CHINESE SORCERER, CHAR KUNG, HAD A POTION THAT INCLUDED BOTH THOSE ELEMENTS! IT WAS SAID TO GIVE A MAN POWER OVER HIS GREATEST ENEMY! I COLLECTED THOSE THINGS FOR SOMEONE UNKNOWN TO ME--AND FOR SOME UNKNOWN PURPOSE!



SOMEONE COMMANDED ME WHILE I SLEPT, AND WILL DO IT AGAIN! BUT THERE'S ONE WAY TO BEAT HIM--BY USING THE CAT CHARM! I CAN TRANSFER MY LIFE-FORCE TO THE CAT, AND FOLLOW MY BODY TO HIS HIDEOUT!



BE CAREFUL, MARK!

THAT NIGHT, A FANTASTIC SCENE UNFOLDS...



I'LL NEVER GET USED TO THIS FEELING OF STARING AT MYSELF! WHILE I'M INSIDE THE CAT, MY BODY IS IN A STATE OF NEAR-COMA! TH-THAT MUSIC--COMING FROM MY ROOM--IT'S THE HYPNOTIC FLUTE OF THE INCAS!

MARK MERLIN--RISE AGAIN! COME TO ME!



OUT OF THE CITY TRAVELS THE STRANGE FAIR UNTIL...



I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS CASTLE BEFORE, ALTHOUGH I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE AREA MANY TIMES! WHOEVER HE IS, THIS MAN HAS THE FANTASTIC POWERS OF THE SUPERNATURAL!



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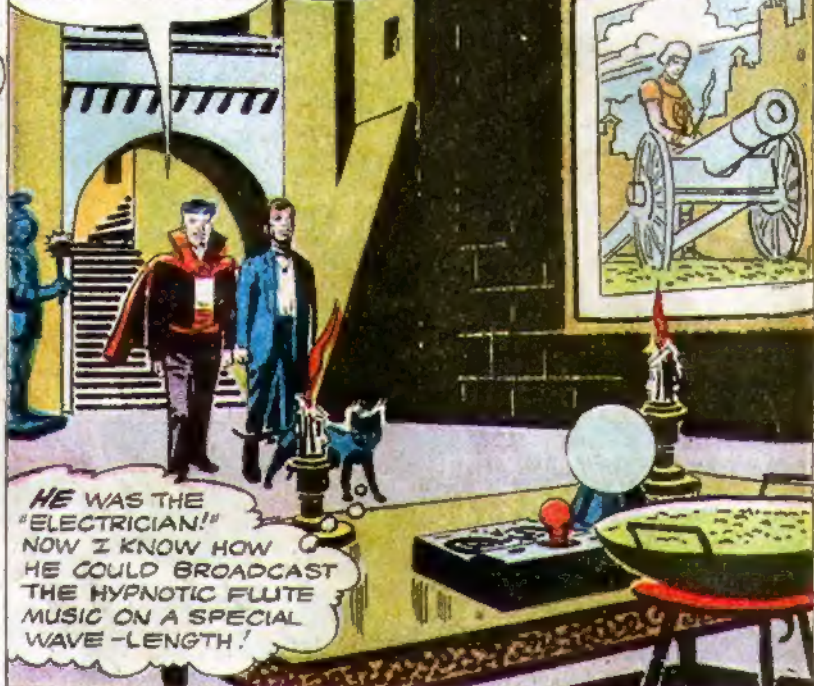


A GREAT IRON KNOCKER ON THE DOOR ECHOES THROUGH THE STILL NIGHT.

WELCOME BACK, MARK MERLIN! I HAVE USED THE THINGS WHICH YOU STOLE FOR ME TO COMPLETE THE POTION OF CHAR KUNG! WITH IT, I HAVE GAINED PERMANENT DOMINANCE OVER MY MOST POWERFUL ENEMY-- YOU!



I SEE YOUR PET CAT FOLLOWED YOU! IT WAS WATCHING ME THE DAY I HID THE MINIATURE RADIO IN YOUR BEDROOM LIGHT FIXTURE!



HE WAS THE "ELECTRICIAN!" NOW I KNOW HOW HE COULD BROADCAST THE HYPNOTIC FLUTE MUSIC ON A SPECIAL WAVE-LENGTH!

THAT RED LIGHT SIGNALLED THE MOMENT YOU ENTERED YOUR ROOM AT NIGHT! THEN THE TAPE RECORDER AUTOMATICALLY BROADCAST THE RECORDED MUSIC AND COMMANDS!



VERY CLEVER! BUT I'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS OF MY OWN FOR DOCTOR-T!

YOU KNOW THE HYPNOTIC FLUTE'S POWER IS SHORT-LIVED! BUT WITH CHAR KUNG'S POTION, I CAN ALWAYS HAVE YOU UNDER CONTROL!



THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS! THE CANDLE LIGHT IS SHINING RIGHT ON THE CHARM!

AS THE LIGHT REFLECTS FROM THE JEWELLED EYES OF THE CHARM TO THE CAT'S EYES, MARK INSTANTLY AND INVISIBLY IS TRANSFERRED BACK TO HIS OWN BODY.

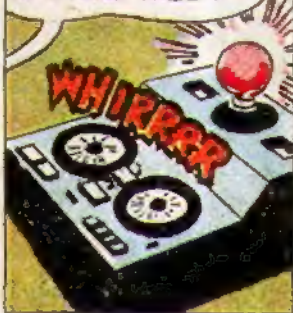


YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD EQUAL MY SUPER-NATURAL POWERS! BUT NOW--WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU--YOU'RE SMILING! YOU DON'T CONTROL ME ANY LONGER! NOW WE'LL SEE HOW POWERFUL YOUR MAGIC IS--PITTED AGAINST MINE, DOCTOR-T!



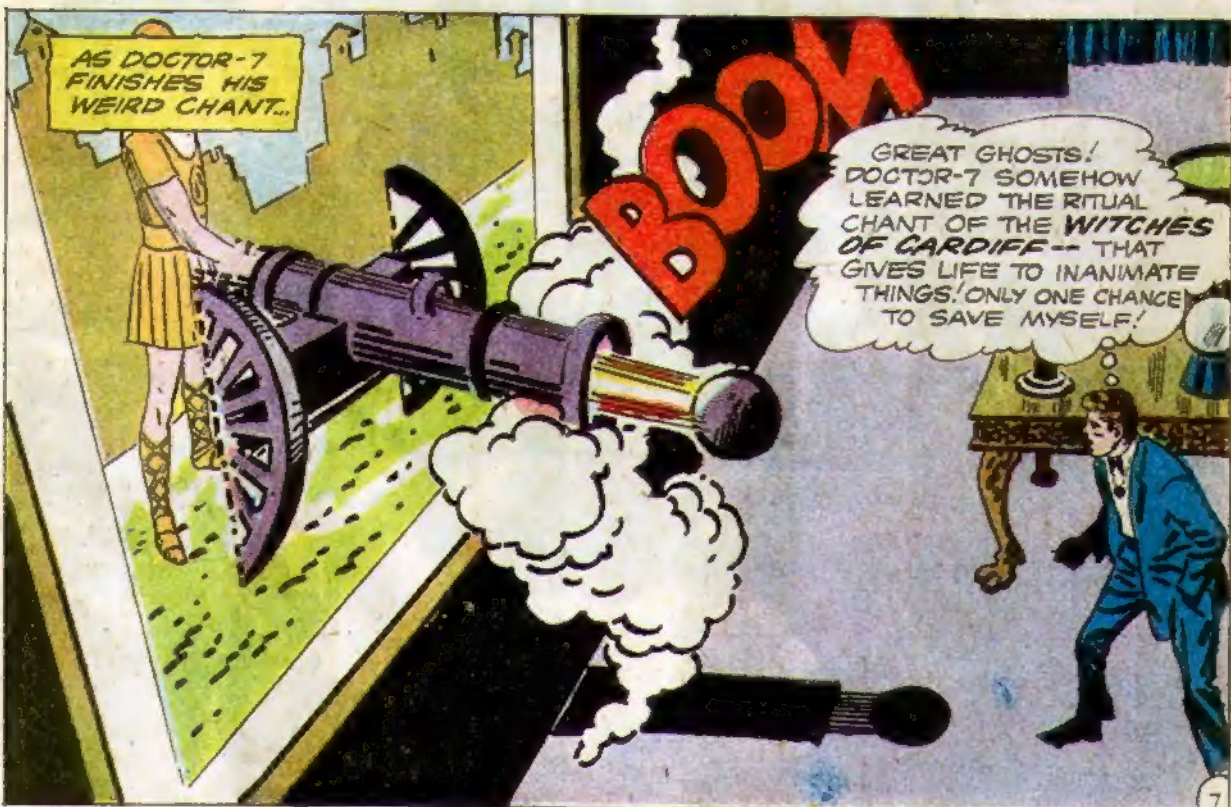
AS DOCTOR-7 BEGINS A STRANGE ENCANTATION, THE RED LIGHT FLASHES, UNSEEN BY EITHER, AND THE TAPE RECORDER BEGINS TO SPIN...

ZASTURO MELA GUL NEM TOXI METAFUL! ZASTURO MELA--



AT THAT MOMENT, BACK AT MARK MERLIN'S MANOR, THE DOOR OF MARK'S ROOM HAS OPENED, FLASHING THE SIGNAL.

I COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I HAD TO KNOW IF MARK WAS SAFE FROM THAT-- OHHH! HE'S GONE! AND WHAT'S THAT STRANGE MUSIC?



MARK SEIZES ONE OF THE ANCIENT MAGIC DEVICES HE USUALLY POCKETS...



YES, MERLIN! A LEGENDARY FORMULA OF THE EGYPTIANS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO DISINTEGRATE METAL! AND NOW I SEE THAT IT WAS NO MERE LEGEND! BUT I'M NOT THROUGH YET!

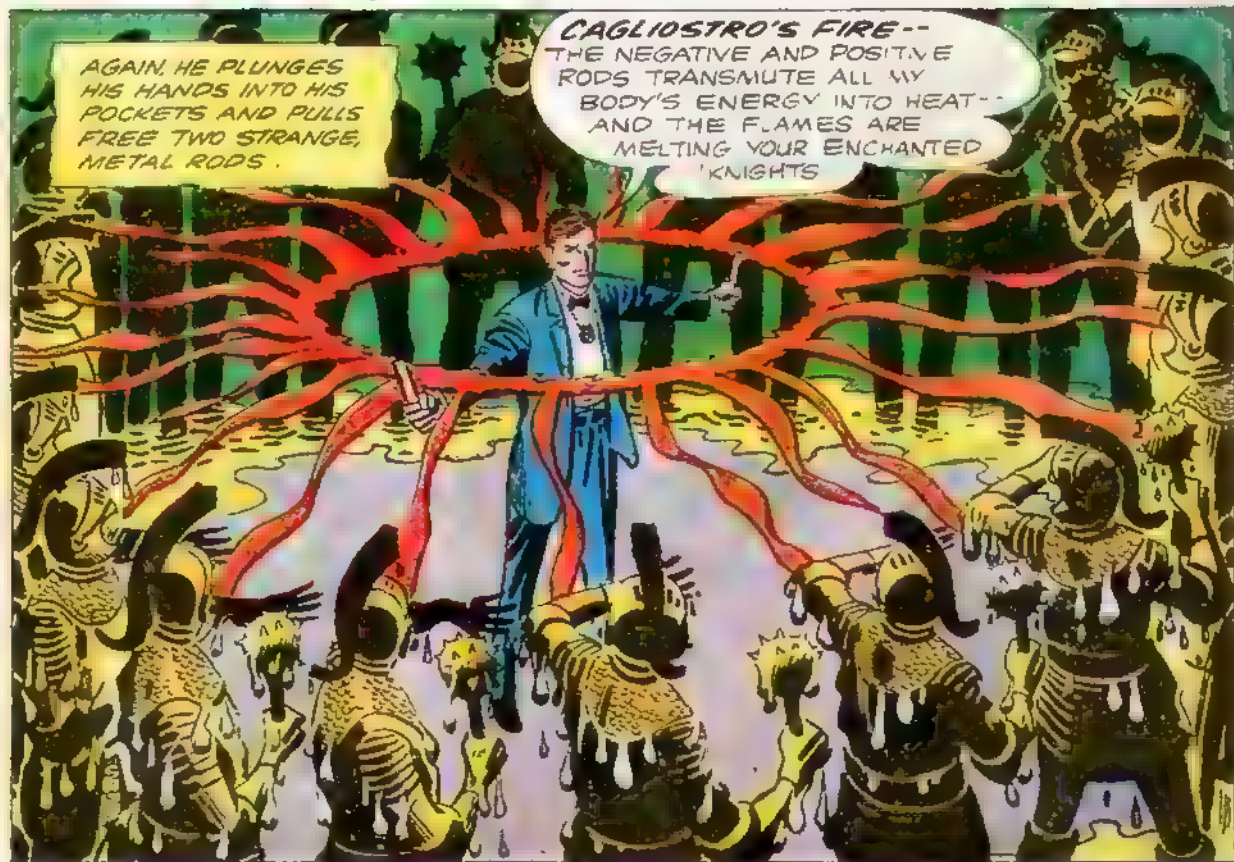


GESTURING TO A SUIT OF ARMOR, DOCTOR-7 REPEATS THE WITCHES' CHANT...

NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE, ONE? DOCTOR-7! I CAN EASILY HANDLE ONE ENCHANTED FIGURE! LOOK AGAIN!



SO HE ALSO KNOWS THE MESOPOTAMIAN ART OF MULTIPLICATION! I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS...BUT HAVE I TIME?



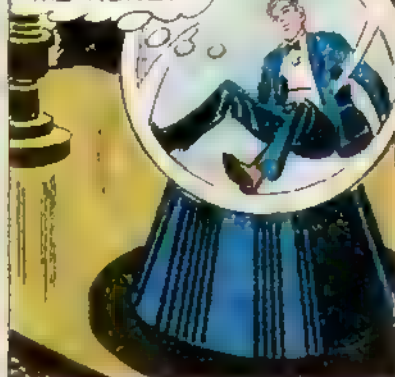
BUT THE SOUND OF ELSA GRASPING THE BOWL FROM ITS STAND, CAUSES MARK TO WHIRL...



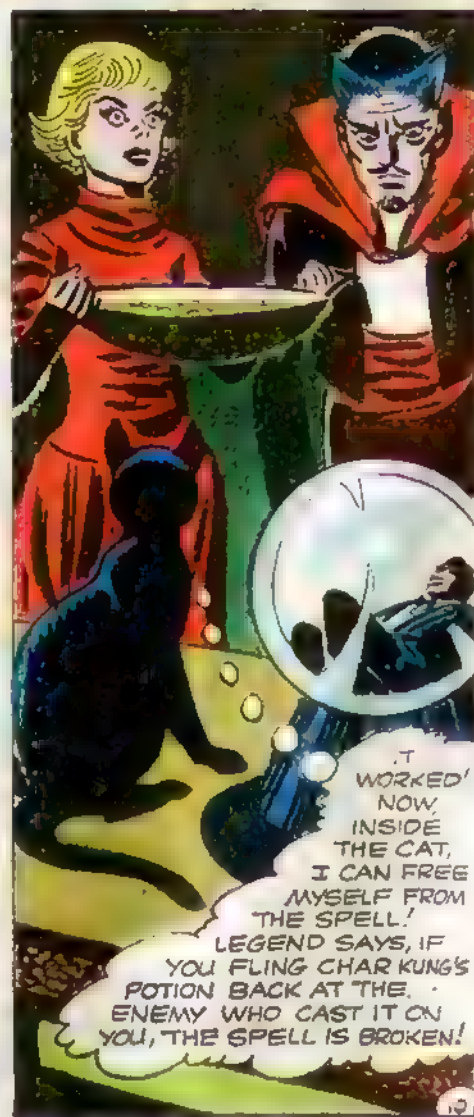
I CONTROL YOU NOW, MARK MERLIN--BODY AND MIND--AND I ORDER YOU TO BE IMPRISONED WITHIN MY GLASS SPHERE!

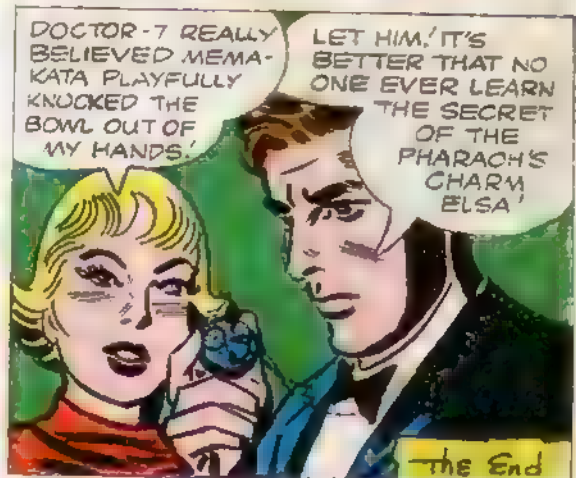


GREAT GHOSTS! CHAR KUNG'S MAGIC REDUCED AND IMPRISONED ME! AND IT WAS MY OWN ELSA WHO HELPED PUT ME HERE!



THE CAT CHARM--WHICH CAN TRANSFER MY LIFE-FORCE OUT OF HERE AND INTO MEMAKATA'S BODY!





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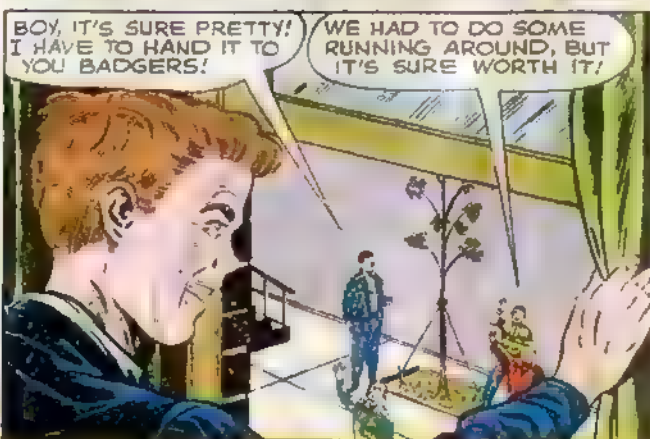
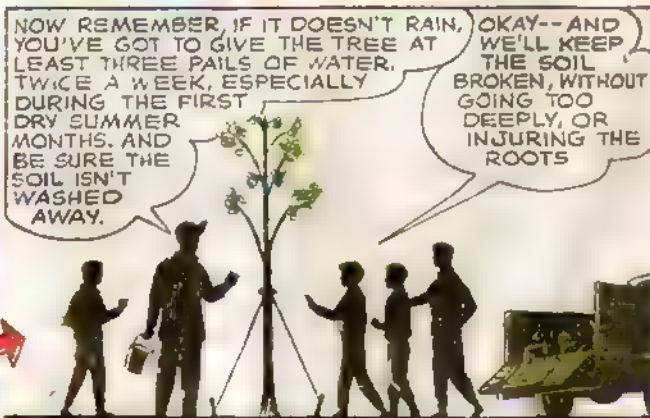
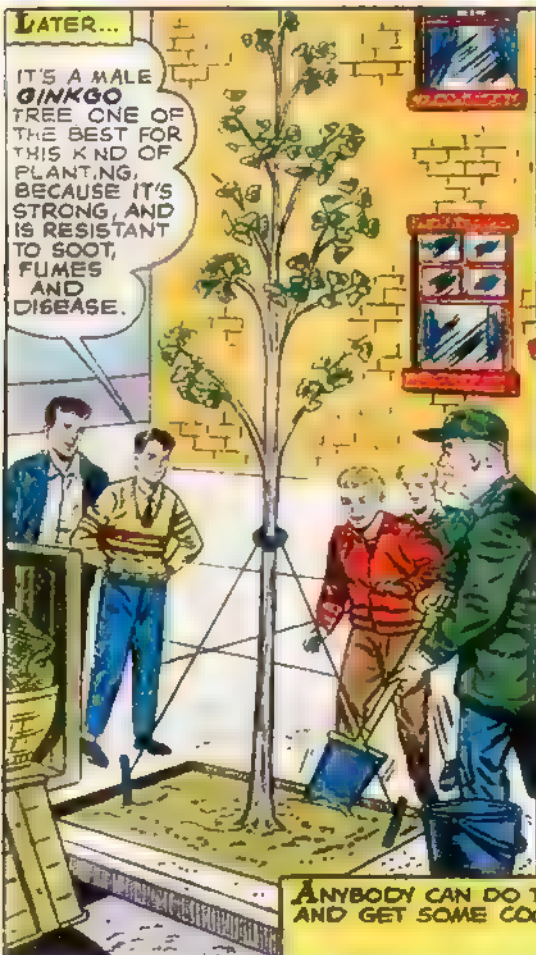
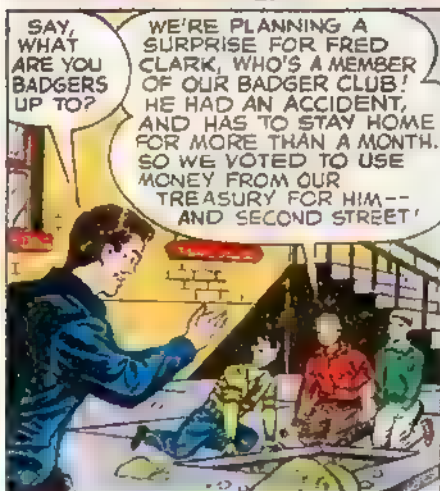
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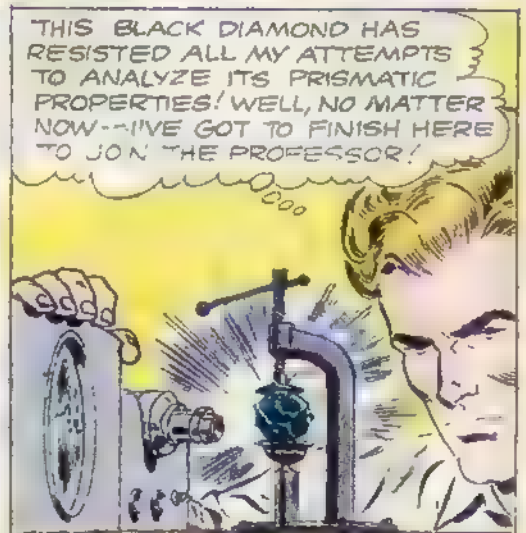
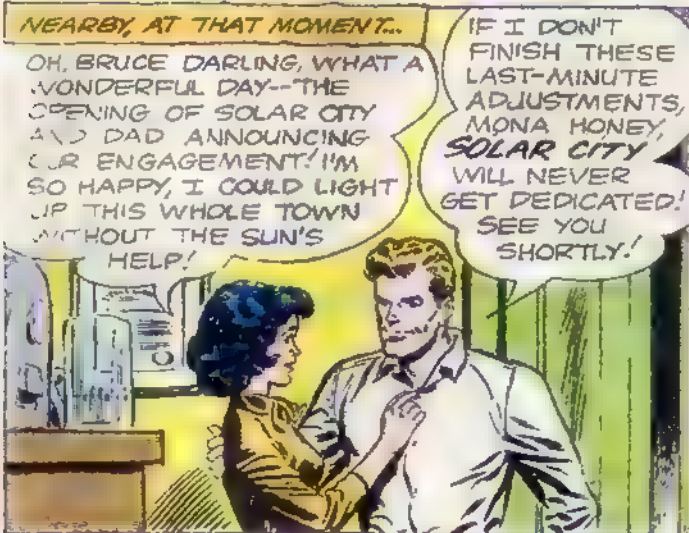
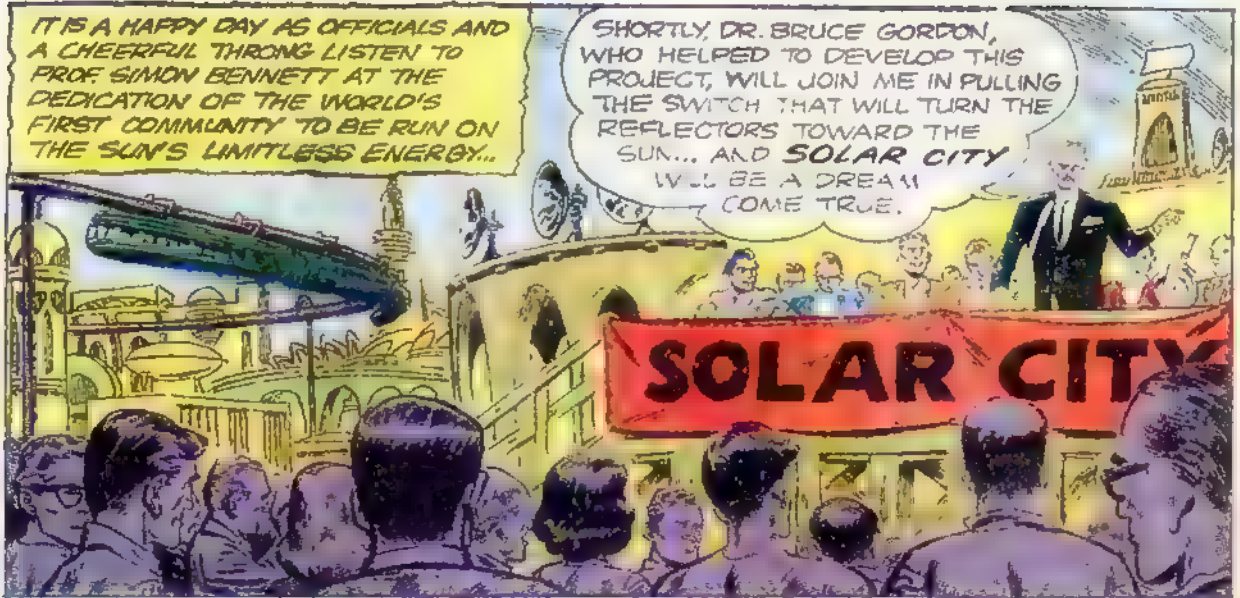
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THE GENIUS WHO FOUGHT HIMSELF

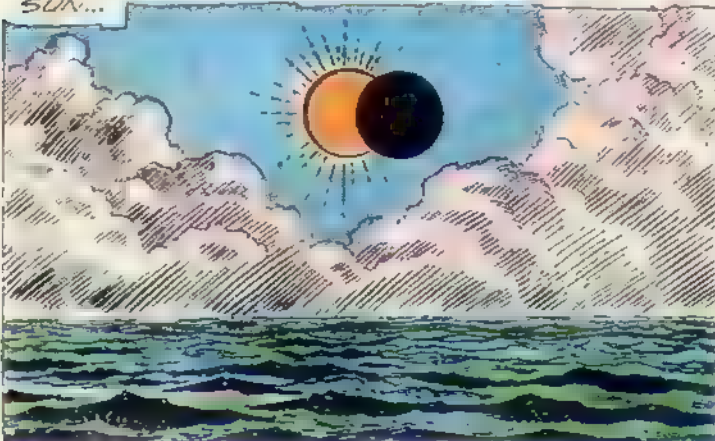




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THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, MEANWHILE, ABOVE THE TRACKLESS WASTES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, ONE OF THE UNIVERSE'S MOST MOMENTOUS EVENTS BEGINS--A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN...



AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE ISOLATED LABORATORY BACK IN **SOLAR CITY**...



THEN, AS SHUDDERING WAVES IRACK HIM, A FANTASTIC CHANGE BEGINS TO SWEEP OVER HIS FEATURES... HIS VERY BRAIN...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

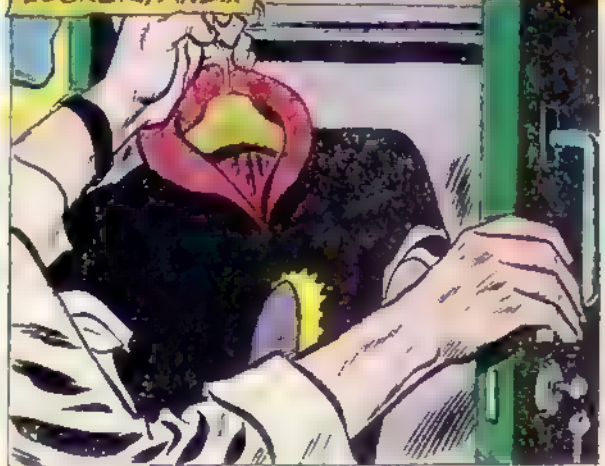
I...I'M BEING TRANSFORMED...

...INTO SOMEONE GREATER STRONGER... THAN THAT FOOL BRUCE GORDON!



LISTEN TO ECLIPSO, WORLD! I AM HERE TO DECLARE WAR ON THE FORCES OF GOOD!

WITH DEMONIC DIRECTNESS, THE TRANSFORMED SCIENTIST MOVES TO A LOCKER, AND...



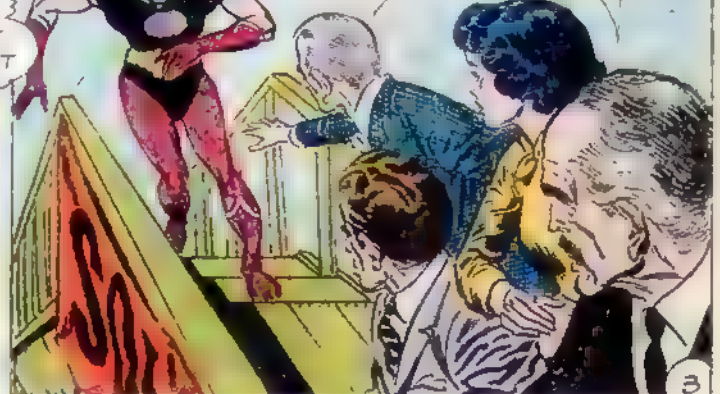
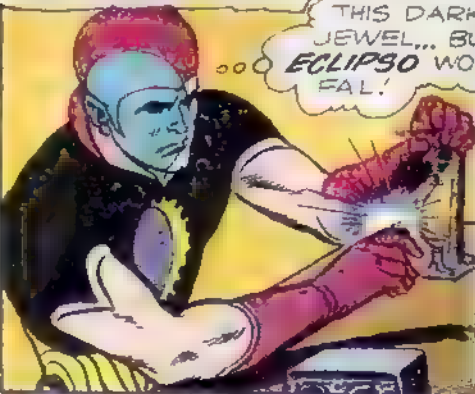
MOMENTS LATER, HAVING DONNED THE NEIRD COSTUME, THE FANTASTIC FIGURE GRASPS THE BLACK DIAMOND.

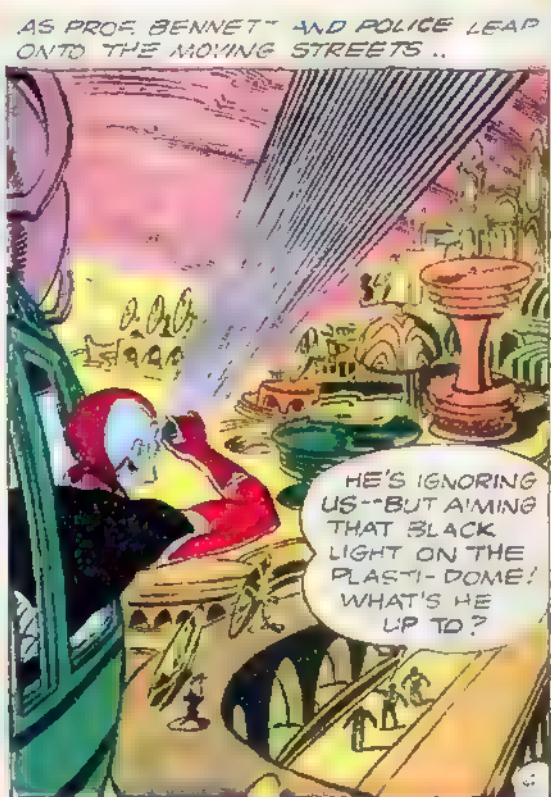
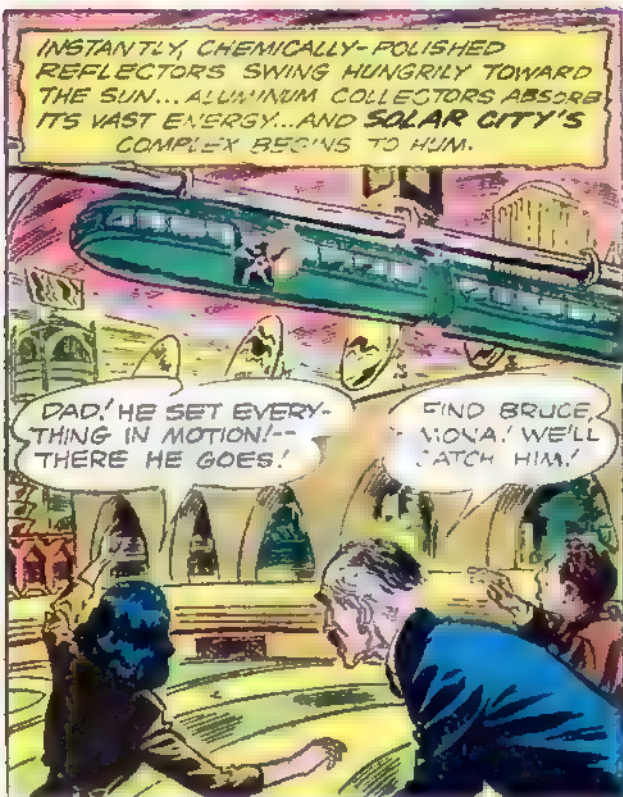
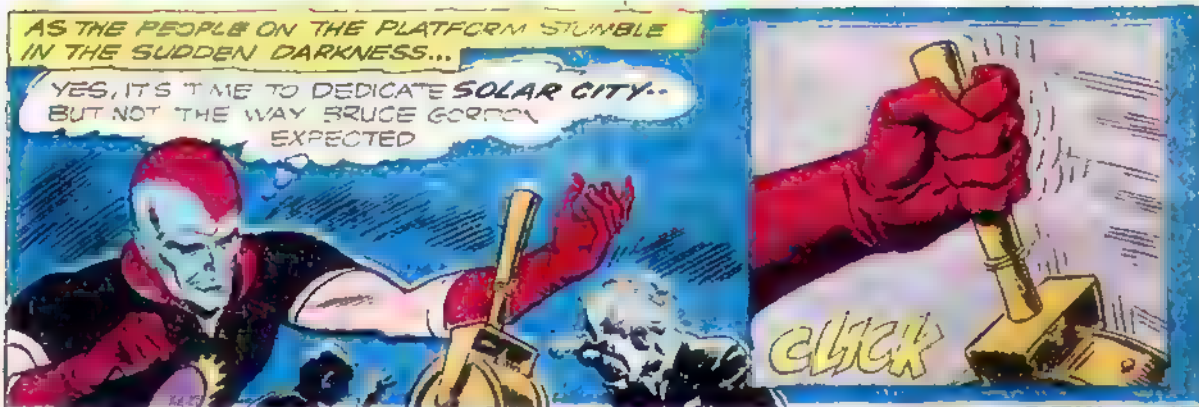
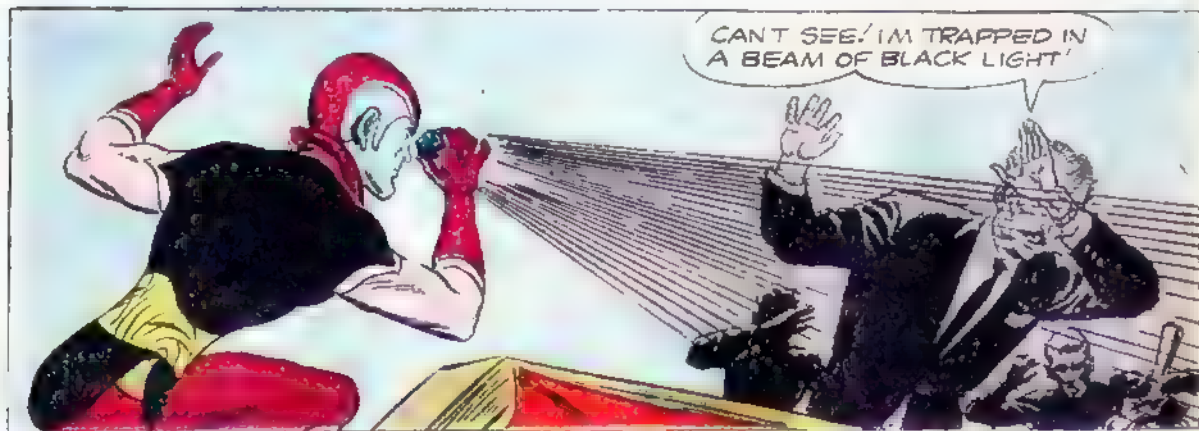
MY ENEMY, BRUCE GORDON, FAILED TO FIND THE POWER OF THIS DARK JEWEL... BUT ECLIPSO WON'T FAIL!

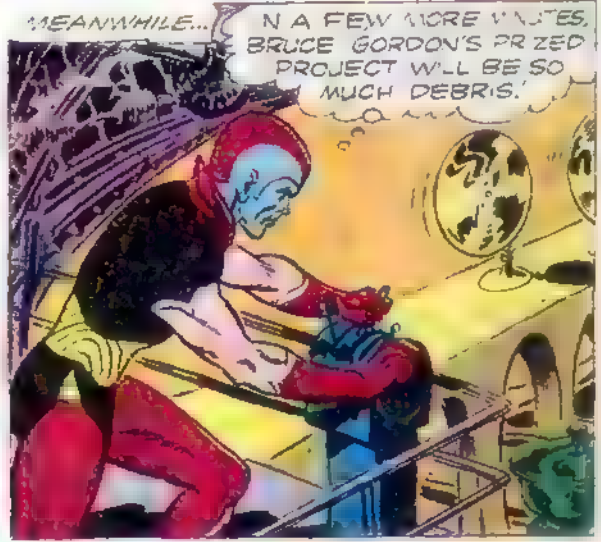
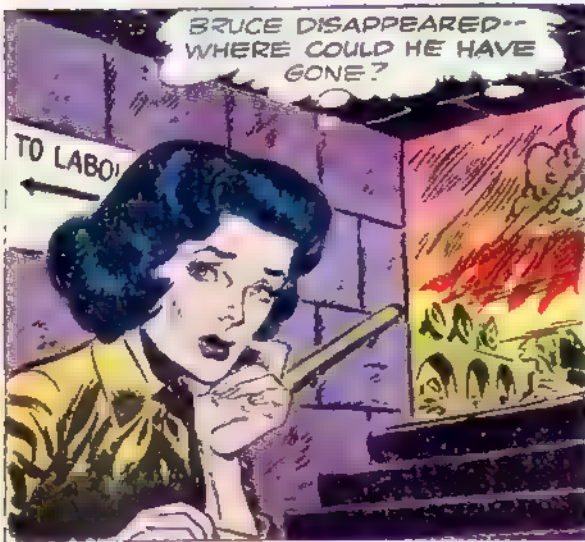
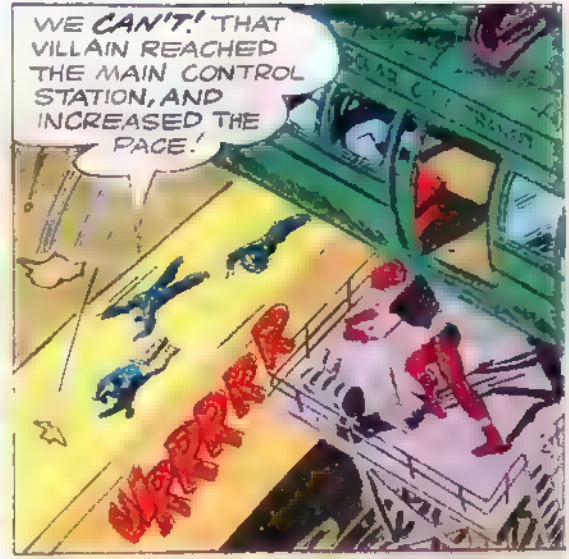
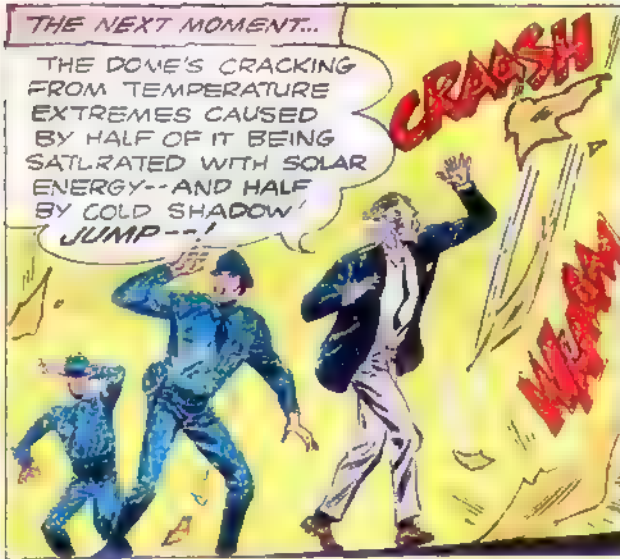
SHORTLY, AS ALL AWAIT BRUCE'S APPEARANCE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

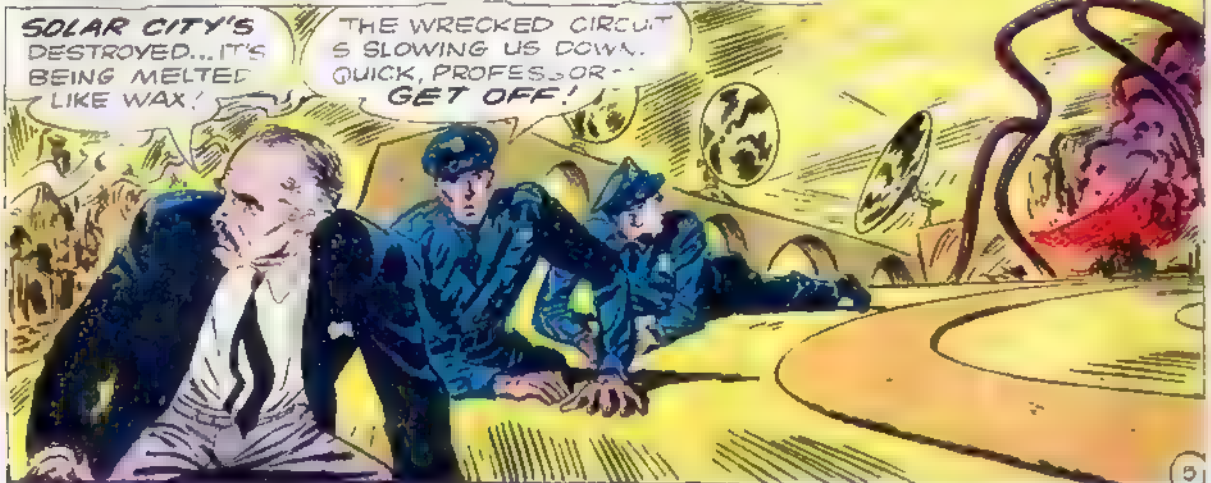
...STOP HIM, WHOEVER HE IS!

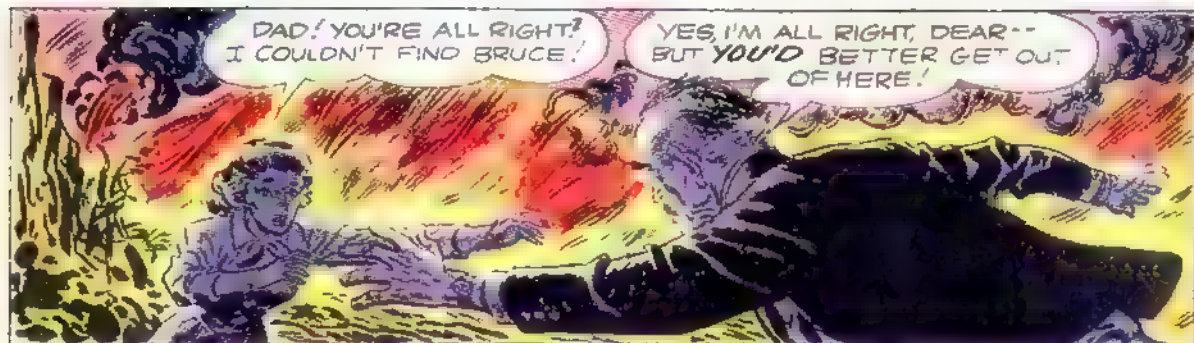




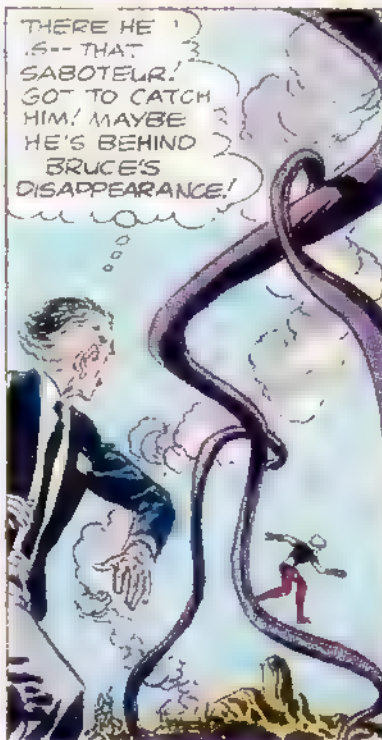


POWERFUL LIGHT-REFLECTING DEVICES CASTING INTENSE BEAMS OF THERMAL ENERGY SWING AND TILT WILDLY AT THEIR TARGETS

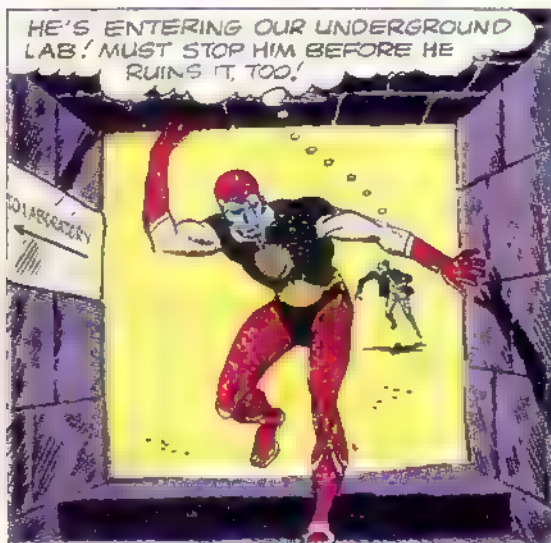




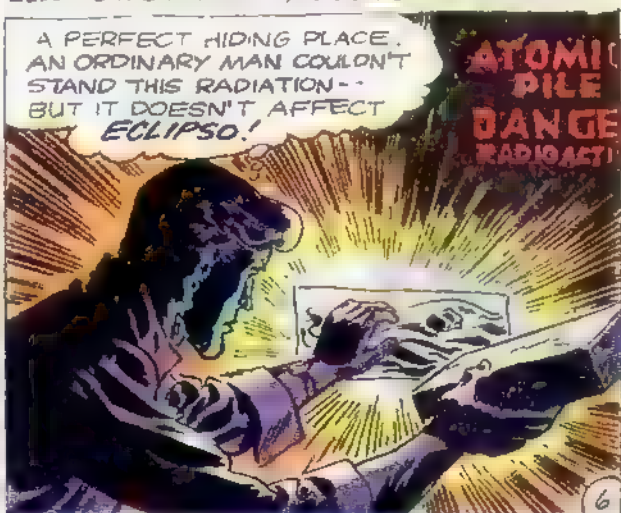
AS **ECLIPSO** SURVEYS THE FLEEING, PANICKY CROWDS...



SUDDENLY, A WILDLY WHIRLING REFLECTOR BEAM STABS THE SQUIBBE FIGURE...

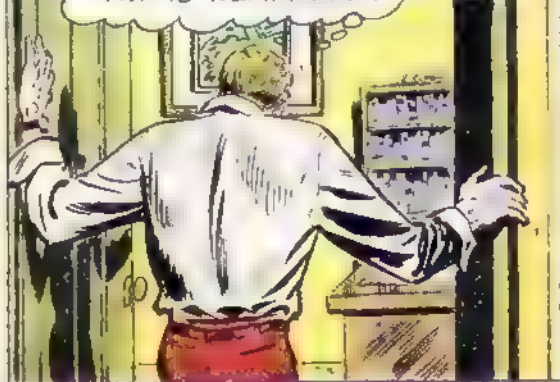


ELUDING HIS PURSUER, HE DOFFS HIS COSTUME...



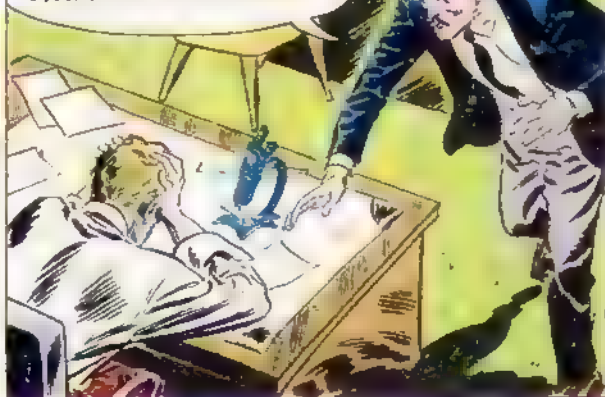
FROM THE LEAD-LINED CHAMBER, THE LONE FIGURE STAGGERS INTO ANOTHER ROOM...

NO ONE WILL FIND ME HERE...AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...**ECLIPSO** WILL VANISH...UNTIL IT COMES TIME FOR HIM TO REAPPEAR!



BUT AS PROF. BENNETT RACES IN...

BRUCE! I FOUND YOU AT LAST! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? **BRUCE!** WHAT'S WRONG?



IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF, THE PROFESSOR WITNESSES THE FANTASTIC AND INCREDIBLE METAMORPHOSIS...

NO...I...I CAN'T.

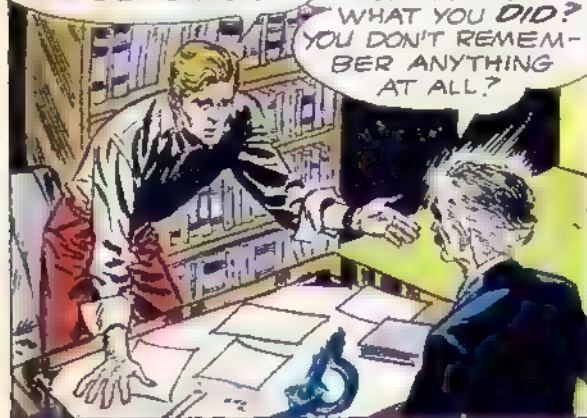
...BELIEVE IT!

BUT-BUT THAT SABOTEUR WAS YOU, BRUCE, ALL ALONG!



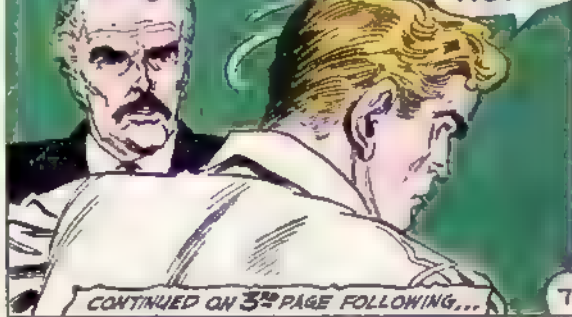
PROFESSOR BENNETT! HOW DID I GET HERE...? I WAS IN THE LAB... GETTING READY FOR THE DEDICATION...

YOU MEAN... YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR TRANSFORMATION... WHAT YOU DID? YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AT ALL?



QUICKLY, IN AN AWED VOICE, HE BLURTS OUT THE EXPLANATION...

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, BRUCE-- EVERY FANTASTIC BIT OF IT! MY LAST RECOLLECTION WAS OF LOOKING AT THAT BLACK DIAMOND IN THE LAB! **DIAMOND-- WHERE IS IT NOW?**



CONTINUED ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING...



Mark Merlin's Mailbox

Dear Mark: The reason why **HOUSE OF SECRETS** is my favorite magazine, aside from the excellent quality of the stories, is that I am an amateur magician. For the past seven years, I have been indulging in this hobby, which I hope to make my profession. Since, I'm sure, a lot of your readers enjoy reading about magic, may I suggest a feature, offering the biographies of Houdini, Blackstone, Dante, etc., that would include the revelation of their favorite tricks? I hope you print this letter to get the reaction of my fellow-fans.

Billy McIlhany, Roanoke, Va.

Okay, readers, take it away, and let's hear from you, but the final decision will rest with us.

Dear Mark: Issue No. 58 cover was a masterpiece! Other plus factors were (1) the double-length Merlin tale, (2) the origin of Mark, (3) the quality of this letter column. I've never been too "Hip-hip-hooray-ish" over Meskin's work, but it didn't seem to bother me this time. Maybe it's because the remainder of the issue contained a variety of good art. Elias is one of your more appealing artists, and it's always worth the price of the comic just to see his work. But back to the cover: each month, I pick the best three comic covers; at the end of the year, I choose the best two of the 36. By the time this year ends, I'm certain No. 58 will be up there in the finals.

Tom Jones, Aberdeen, Md

Dear Mark: I was very much impressed by the artwork in "The Box of Four Fears." Can you tell me who illustrated it?

Helen O'Donnell, Maxon Falls, Tenn
J. William Ely, known as Bill to his friends, who don't know what the J stands for. Bill was born in New York City, schooled at White Plains and Pratt Institute. His budding career as a pictorial illustrator was nipped by the outbreak of war. Bill joined the Coast Guard, serving on the buoy tender Hibiscus off the New England coast, later in Newfoundland. Came the end of the war and Bill returned to his ensel, taking time out to marry a commercial artist and subsequently raise two children. Living in Connecticut, he toils five days a week for comics, on the sixth, he's a "Saturday painter," doing water colors.

SNIPPINGS FROM MAILBAG MISSIVES: "I am a magician and a student of the occult. That's why I enjoy reading your magazine," writes William Weaver of Augusta, Ga. . . . Aside to Barry Greene, Banner, N.D.: That was Howard Purcell who did such a splendid job on "Beware the 13th Guest,"

and to those who asked about "Keeper of the Killer Clocks," the author was France Herron, the artial, George Roussos. . . . Other noteworthy comments received from Jim Bankhead, all the way from Westcliff, Dumbarton, Scotland; the indefatigable Paul Gambacini, Westport, Conn.; Bob Royal, Galveston, Tex.; Ronald Greenburg, Trinidad; Josie Malchowsky, Montreal; Nelson MacReady, Canyon Springs, Colo.

NOTE: This issue introduces a new feature, "Eclipse," which we hope becomes one of your favorites. It was written by Bob Haney and drawn by Lee Elias. Won't you let us know your opinion?

Dear Mark: My grandfather tells a strange story that is bound to interest your readers as much as it fascinated me. It seems that back in May, 1910, some crooks decided to cash in on the approach of Halley's Comet. Taking advantage of the people's fears and superstitions, they sold them "Comet Pills" and inhalators to protect them while asleep from the comet's gases. They made quite a haul before they themselves were hauled off to jail, because the pills were nothing more than sugar and the inhalators nose-pieces equipped with wire mesh. People sure were gullible in those days, weren't they?

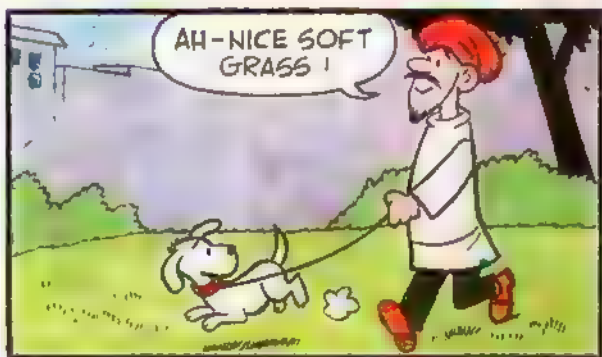
A. L., New Orleans

More gullible than you think. In spite of the law's exposure, the people who'd been victimized by the quacks not only refused to testify against them in court but also contributed the bail to have them temporarily released.

Dear Mark: Since Tilly Lohman wrote you about musicians' superstitions, how about sports folks? Babe Ruth used to wash his eyes before a game with a special eye-wash. One day, the team's trainer switched bottles, and the great Babe hit two homers, anyway! . . . Joe Louis insisted that his left glove always be put on and tied before his right. . . . The Dodgers warm up the infield with an old ball. . . . During his early barnstorming days, Eddie Rickenbacker carried a pair of batwings in his cockpit. . . . Midget auto racers shun the color green and never will eat peanuts before a race. . . . Leo Durnocher wears the same suit and shirt if his team is on a winning streak. . . . And Casey Stengel believes if a hatter finds a hairpin, he'll get a two-base hit!

John Dunne, Paradise Falls, Wash.

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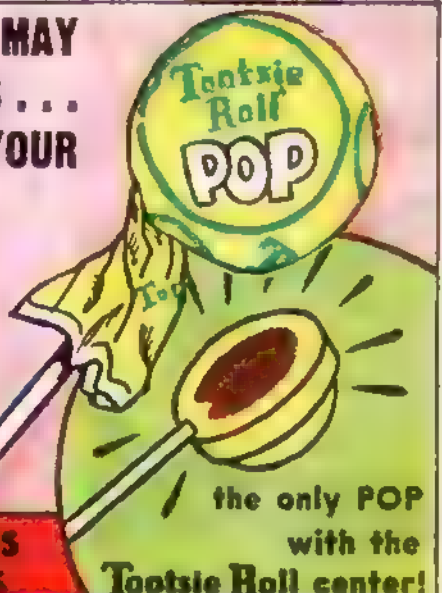
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I BROUGHT THAT COSTUME BACK FROM DIABLO ISLAND! BUT WHAT MADE ME PUT IT ON WHEN I CHANGED?

WHAT'LL YOU FIND HERE? PART OF THE ANSWER! TODAY, IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AT THE TIME I WAS IN THE LAB, A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TOOK PLACE!

"YOU RECALL, I WENT TO DIABLO ISLAND TO PHOTOGRAPH A SOLAR ECLIPSE..."

WHY WON'T YOU CARRY MY EQUIPMENT TO THE TOP OF THE PLATEAU?

MOPHIR, OUR SEER, HAS WARNED--IF YOU TRY TO CAPTURE THE SUN GOD'S IMAGE WHEN HE IS DARK HE WILL DESTROY US IN ANGER.



HE'S LYING! ECLIPSES AREN'T DANGEROUS! HERE ARE PICTURES I MADE OF A DARK SUN! I WASN'T HARMED!

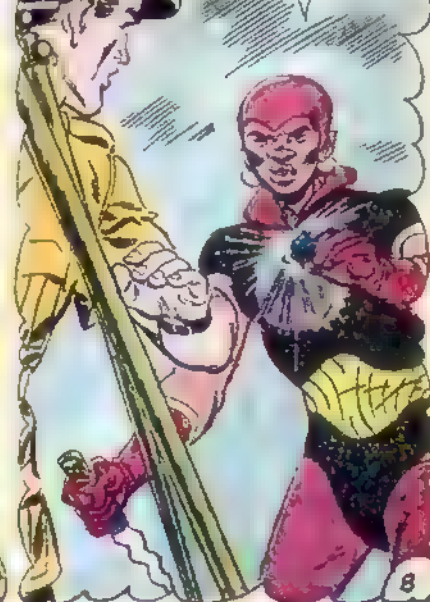
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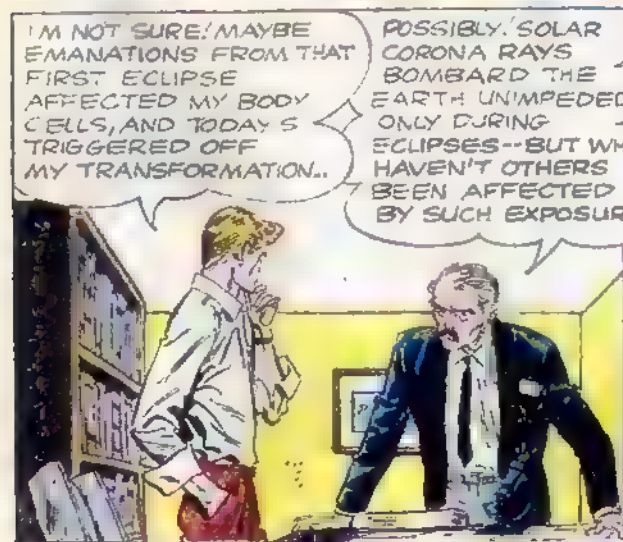
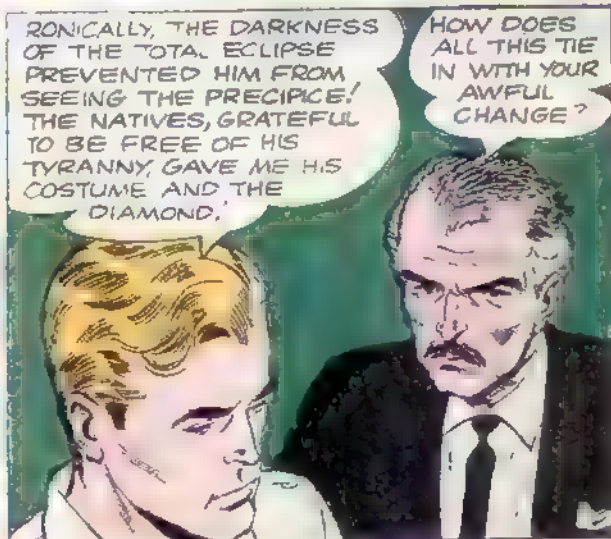
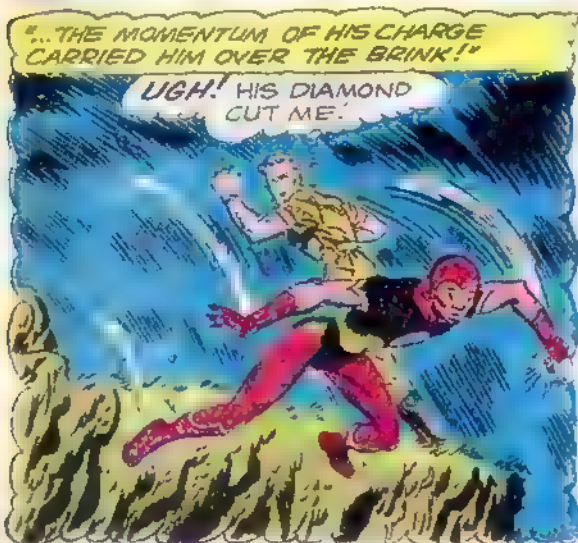
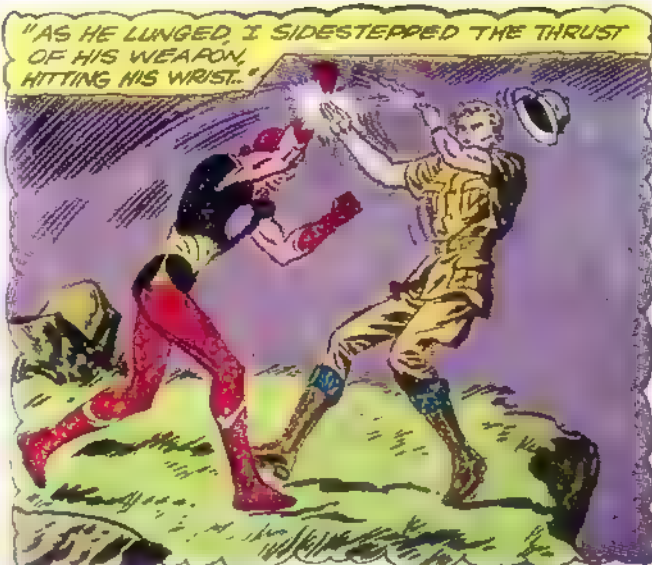
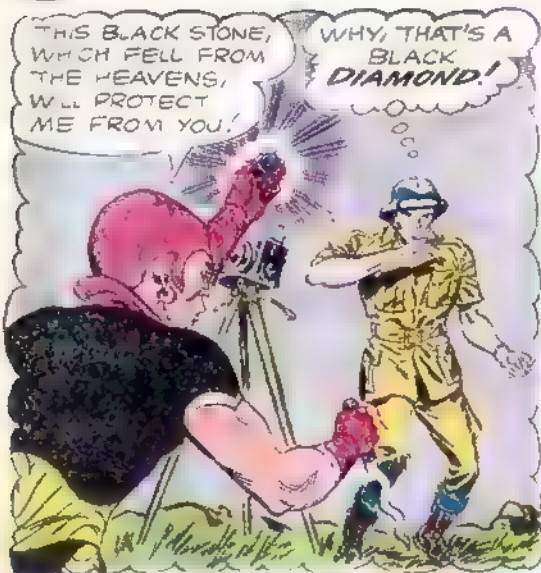
"ONCE THEIR FEARS WERE DISPELLED, I EASILY WON THEM OVER..."

THEY CARRIED MY GEAR UP HERE JUST IN TIME! THE ECLIPSE WILL BEGIN VERY SOON!

WHO ARE YOU?

MOPHIR! YOU HAVE DEFIED ME BY SCOFFING AT MY WARNING TO MY PEOPLE! NOW I SHALL TAKE REVENGE!







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AS THEY EMERGE
ABOVE GROUND

THIS...THIS IS TERRIBLE,
PROFESSOR! I...I
DESTROYED OUR
DREAM TOWN!

NO, BRUCE--IT WASN'T
YOU-- BUT YOUR VILLAINOUS
ALTER EGO, YOUR *OTHER*
SELF!



THIS NOTE...IN MY HANDWRITING!
LISTEN-- "DR BRUCE GORDON! I
CHALLENGE YOU TO FIGHT ME--
LIGHT VS. DARKNESS! DO YOU
DARE TO ACCEPT? YOUR ENEMY,
ECLIPSO!"



GOOD HEAVENS
PROFESSOR! I'M
NOT ONLY MY OWN
WORST ENEMY...
BUT MANKIND'S!

EASY, BOY! WE'RE
GOING TO *FIGHT*
THIS *ECLIPSO*--AND
BEAT HIM! YOU OWE
IT TO YOURSELF TO
PRESERVE YOUR
GREAT TALENTS. TO
MONA...
TO THE
WORLD!



SUDDENLY...

BRUCE! WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?...
BRUCE!

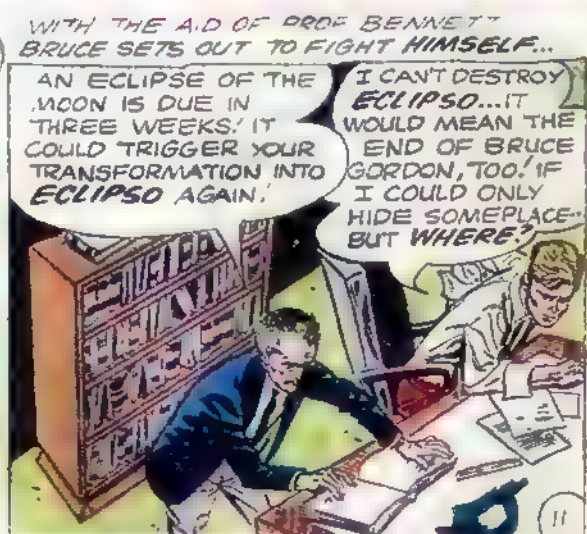
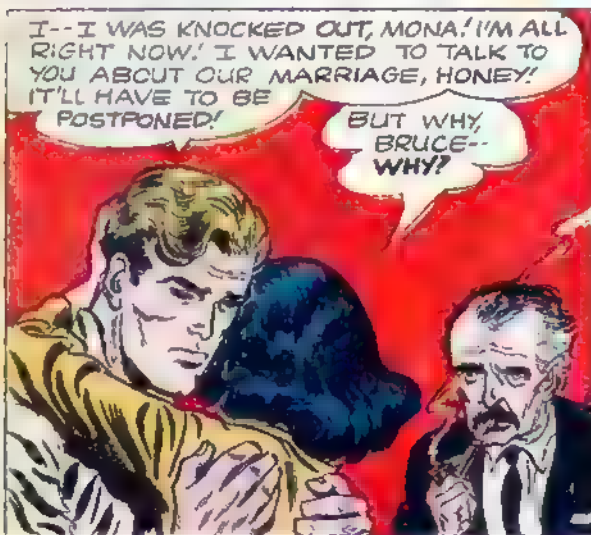
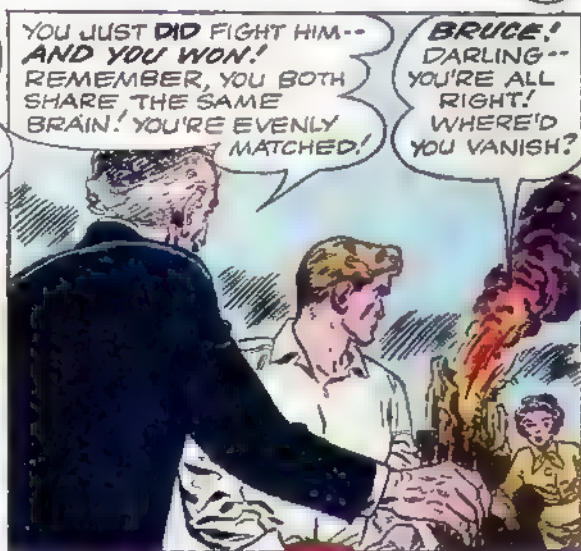
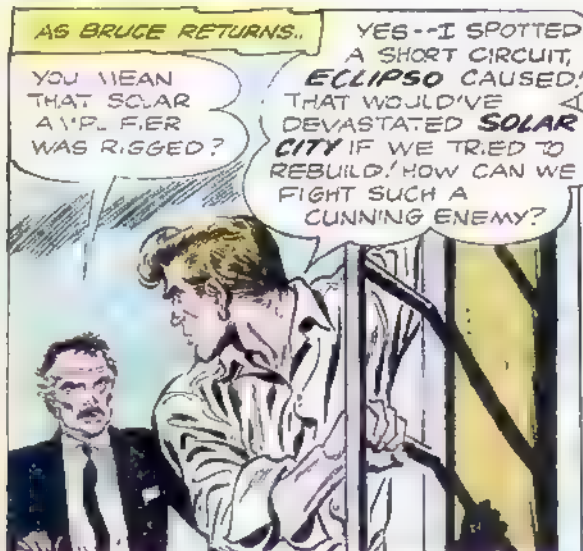


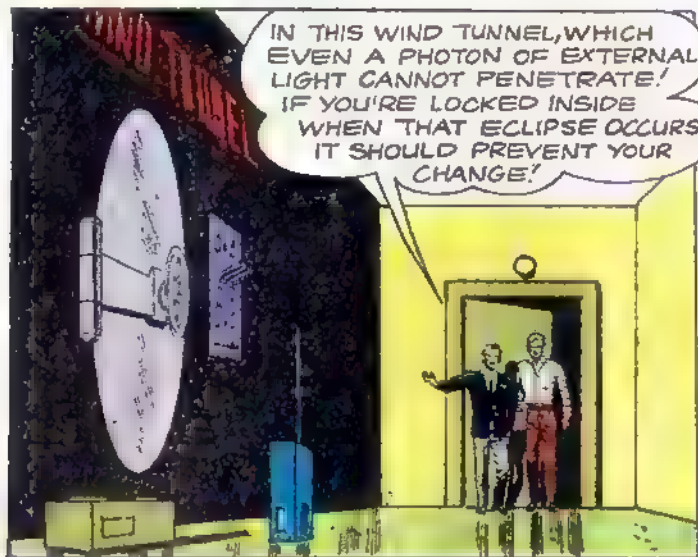
WHY ARE
YOU GOING
UP THERE?
IS ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH YOU?
ANSWER
ME--



DON'T WORRY, PROFESSOR!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
HAVE TO RIP THESE OUT,
OR IN ANOTHER MINUTE
THE WHOLE AREA WILL
BLOW SKY-HIGH!





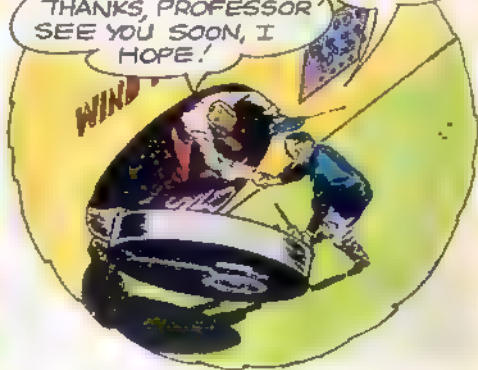


IN THIS WIND TUNNEL, WHICH EVEN A PHOTON OF EXTERNAL LIGHT CANNOT PENETRATE! IF YOU'RE LOCKED INSIDE WHEN THAT ECLIPSE OCCURS, IT SHOULD PREVENT YOUR CHANGE!

THUS, WHEN THE FATEFUL TIME APPROACHES...

THREE MINUTES TO GO, BRUCE! I'LL BE IN CONSTANT TOUCH VIA THE WALKIE-TALKIE! GOOD LUCK, SON!

THANKS, PROFESSOR SEE YOU SOON, I HOPE!



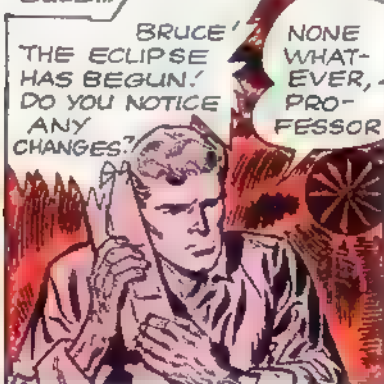
THE ESCAPE-PROOF HATCH CLANGS SHUT ON DR. BRUCE GORDON--AND INSIDE, ILLUMINATED ONLY BY THE DIM GLOW OF A SMALL, RED BULB...

BRUCE! THINGS STILL ALL RIGHT?

FINE AND DANDY PROFESSOR! NO CHANGES YET!

HOW ABOUT NOW?

NONE AT ALL! I'M STILL BRUCE GORDON!



BRUCE! THE ECLIPSE HAS BEGUN! DO YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGES?

NONE WHAT-EVER, PROFESSOR!



BRUCE! THE ECLIPSE IS ENDING!

WE WON! IT WORKED! OPEN THE HATCH AND LET ME OUT!



ECLIPSO! YOU... YOU TRICKED ME!

ECLIPSO ELUDES HIS PURSUER, AND WHEN THE PROFESSOR FINALLY CATCHES UP TO HIM!



TOO LATE! HE SWITCHED BACK TO BRUCE AGAIN AFTER HIDING THE COSTUME AND DIAMOND!

BRUCE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

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PROFESSOR! THANK HEAVEN, YOU'RE SAFE! I TURNED INTO ECLIPSO AGAIN DIDN'T I?

YES... AND TRICKED ME INTO LETTING HIM OUT OF THE TUNNEL WHERE I'D HAVE BEEN KILLED IF AN EXPLOSION HADN'T FREED ME!



AS BRUCE, I RIGGED THE BOARD TO EMIT A HIGH PHOTON LIGHT-BURST IN CASE ECLIPSO ESCAPED AND TURNED THE TABLES ON YOU! REMEMBER, YOU SAID AN INTENSE LIGHT CAUSED HIM TO REVERT TO BRUCE GORDON BEFORE! THE HATCH WAS SPRUNG BY A SMALL TIME BOMB I'D SET!



BRILLIANT! ECLIPSO OUTSMARTED ME - BUT NOT YOU, BRUCE! YOU'RE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR HIM!

PERHAPS, PROFESSOR... BUT THIS WAS ONLY ROUND ONE! HE'LL BE BACK AT THE NEXT ECLIPSE... AND WHO WILL WIN THEN?



YES, WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR? GET THE THRILLING ANSWER IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

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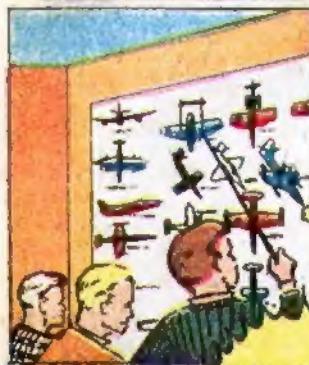
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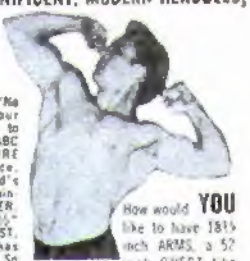
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